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**ATTN: Bureau of Labor Statistics Docket ID: FR040C07-103, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries Comment Request**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) would like to take this opportunity to submit comments regarding federal register FR040C07-103, that seeks information and comments regarding the census of fatal occupational injuries.

WSDOT supports the continuing collection of fatal occupational injuries by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS) as BLS reports provide information for industry benchmarking. WSDOT further supports the continuance of the current system of telephone reporting of fatal occupational injuries required by WAC 296-27-031 Reporting fatality, injury, and illness information in the State of Washington.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment. If there are any questions regarding our comments, please contact Joel Amos, WSDOT Safety and Health Administrator, at (360) 705-7747 or [AmosJ@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:AmosJ@wsdot.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen T. Reinmuth'.

Stephen T. Reinmuth  
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